

# MISSISSIPPI WIRELESS COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

## December 7, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Place: MDOT 1<sup>st</sup> floor auditorium

Meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm by Chairman George Phillips.

### Commission Members Present:

MS Department of Public Safety	George Phillips
MS Association of Fire Chiefs	Tom Lariviere
MS Department of Information Technology Services	David Litchliter
MS Department of Transportation	Willie Huff
MS Supervisors Association	Joel Yelverton
MS Department of Health	Brian Amy
MS National Guard	Gary Ladd
MS Sheriffs' Association	James Newman
MS Department of Environmental Quality	Clovis Reed
MS Highway Safety Patrol	Michael Berthay
MS Emergency Management Agency	Tom McAllister
Safe City Initiative	Mark McCreery
MS Department of Homeland Security	Jay Ledbetter

### Advisory Members Present:

Representative Tyrone Ellis	Senator Tom King
Representative Clayton Smith	Senator Jack Gordon
Representative Johnny Stringer	

Chairman George Phillips called the meeting to order at 1:45 pm. Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Tom McAllister made the motion, and it was seconded by Brian Amy. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Joel Yelverton reported for the Rules Committee. There were three requests to report. The first request was for the Department of Corrections to replace the radios used on the Parchman campus, at a cost of \$246,792. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve the request, and it was seconded by Tom Lariviere. The motion passed with none opposed. A second request was made by the Department of Human Services (DHS) to consolidate cellular contracts to one vendor. They would contract with Verizon Wireless on a month-to-month basis until a decision is made on a statewide vendor. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$379,800. Chairman Phillips questioned if any of the money would be lost if Verizon is not awarded a contract with the state. A representative of DHS responded that there would be no investment in equipment. David Litchliter seconded the motion, and it passed with none opposed. The third request was from the Department of Transportation to increase the previously approved amount by \$158,700 to purchase 100 wireless data cards and services. Chairman Phillips questioned if there would be an investment in equipment. Willie Huff responded that the contract would be one year long starting in August and that there would be an equipment investment. Representative Tyrone Ellis questioned if there was a way to get around the loss. Mr. Huff explained that they were working with two vendors to minimize the

loss. Mr. Yelverton made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Gary Ladd and was approved with none opposed. Willie Huff abstained from the vote.

Mr. Yelverton discussed the following points which should be provided with each request sent to his committee.

1. Document the products/services needed/being requested by the entity.
2. Describe the impact of the project on the state project.
3. Describe the potential impact of the state project on the proposed project.
4. Explain how shared facilities (equipment and infrastructure) may be leveraged to benefit one or both projects.
5. Explain how the proposed project meshes with the state's technical implementation.
6. Describe where the differing technologies fit on the technology roadmap and if there is a defined migration path from the older to the newer technology.
7. Explain if the equipment purchase prices are consistent with or better than the state contract prices.
8. Explain the level of interoperability with the state and other systems that this implementation will achieve.

Mr. Yelverton stated that his committee would be meeting with the Governance committee to finalize the list.

The Hinds County Board of Supervisors presented a letter to the Chairman requesting the authority from the WCC to move the City of Jackson to the Hinds County Motorola radio system. Shirleen Anderson of the Jackson Police Department stated that the City of Jackson would like to withdraw their initial request.

Clovis Reed reported for the Cellular RFP Committee. He thanked ITS for help reviewing the proposals. He stated that the evaluation of the four proposals had been completed. They will now request clarifications from the vendors.

Willie Huff had no report for the Interoperability Committee.

Gary Ladd reported for the Governance Committee. He stated that the committee would convene following the commission meeting.

Willie Huff reported for the Contract Negotiation Committee. He stated that dates had been set and rules of contact had been agreed on.

David Litchliter stated that the Integrated Public Safety Communication fund has been established and is ready for use.

Representative Ellis stated that he is discouraged that the City of Jackson and Hinds county have the money to purchase what they need and are waiting on the Commission. Chairman Phillips stated that the committee members have put in many hours and in his opinion is moving along swiftly.

Under other business, Willie Huff stated that it was time to enter the next phase of the contract with Buford Goff and Associates (BGA). The fee for this phase will not exceed \$163,100. He made a motion for the commission to agree to allow MDOT to enter into contract with BGA. Tom Lariviere seconded the motion. Tom McAllister questioned the source of the money. Mr. Huff stated that MDOT had paid the invoices thus far and

would be reimbursed by the Commission. The motion was approved with none opposed.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2007, in the MDOT Auditorium at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.